

# NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



## MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30 pm in Nassington Village Hall

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### **22/1998. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Present: Cllr Alan Burns, Cllr Elliott Clark, Cllr Rebecca Downey, Cllr Alain Kingsley, Cllr Charlotte Lemmon, Cllr Paul Monks, Cllr Derrick Mortimer and Cllr Robert Peterson (chairman). Officer present: The clerk. Two members of the public present. Apologies received from Shane Rickwood due to personal reasons. It was *RESOLVED* to accept these apologies

### **22/1999. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Cllr Rob Peterson declared a personal, non-pecuniary, interest in the affairs of the cricket club.

### **22/2000. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

It was *RESOLVED* to approve minutes of the meeting of February 9<sup>th</sup> 2022, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

### **22/2001. QUESTIONS OR ADDRESS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

There were no questions.

### **22/2002. NASSINGTON CRICKET CLUB (NCC)**

The chairman of the NCC was in attendance. Information had been circulated in advance of the meeting, which included the NCC's recent accounts, a financial summary covering the refurbishment project currently underway and a specification for a new mowing machine.

The chairman reiterated NCC's commitment to grass roots community cricket and its ambition to bring the pavilion (which is owned by the parish council) to a stage where it can offer itself as a community venue for activity and wellbeing, as well as strengthening its relationship with the community of Nassington.

There have been grant donations of £75,000 towards the project, which has facilitated the completion of the actual building. Due to unexpected additional costs associated with electricity supply and the rise of raw materials, due to the worldwide economic situation, there is a shortfall in funding to finance the decoration and interior fixing. NCC has applied for a Rural Buildings Loan but is planning a contingency should that not be successful and would like to borrow from the parish council.

Alongside this project, it has become apparent that the NCC grasscutting machinery is no longer fit for purpose.

Following extensive discussions considering various options and scenario, It was *RESOLVED* that the parish council will lend NCC £10,000 to be paid either when NCC received the proceeds of the Rural Building Loan or 50% by the end of August 2022 and 50% by the end of August 2023. The clerk will draw up a licence agreement for approval

The parish council will purchase the grasscutting machine – a Ransome Highway 2130, and, depending on grant funding, a brushcutter and strimmer. The clerk is to investigate grant funding sources and apply for any suitable.

The NCC chairman undertook that NCC would wholly support the community jubilee party in the summer with bar facilities.

### **22/2003. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**

The environmental and heritage committee continues to gather data and evidence which will form an important part of the plan. There will not be a meeting of the advisory group in March.

### **22/2004. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

a) NE/22/00202/TCA/ | T1 - Birch - remove TG2 - 3 x yew - crown lift to 10' T3 Walnut - remove | 59 Church Street Nassington. It was *RESOLVED* that the council has no objections or further comment to make.

b) Other planning matters:

- Three matters were discussed that necessitate bringing them to the attention of the planning enforcement authorities.
- The council understands that contracts are exchanging imminently in the conveyance of The Black Horse

**22/2005. COMMUNITY / PROJECTS:**

a) **Footpath** between village green and playing field carpark: The supplier is reconfirming the estimate from the last meeting, in view of prices increases. This had not yet been received.

b) **Allotments**:. The clerk and Cllr Paul Monks who looks after the allotments on a day-to-day basis will meet the following weekend to clarify discrepancies in the findings of the January inspection of the allotments, following which prices will be obtained for clearing unused allotments. The agreement made the previous month to cover the allotments was overturned. Instead, all plots will be mown regularly.

The wall at the front next to allotment 1 has been damaged and requires rebuilding. There had been an understanding that one of the allotment holders would undertake this work, but people are prioritising their allotments.

Plans for a wildlife area with pond were circulated and approved in principle. It is likely to be necessary to hire a mini-digger to carry out the works

c) **Jubilee** party: There was a report from the councillor leading the organising committee. All matters are in hand.

**22/2006. COMMUNITY MATTERS:**

a) The chairman and the clerk had represented the parish council police at the liaison meeting with Chief Constable and Crime Commissioner. In advance of the meeting, the chairman had contacted the Crime Commissioner highlighting the recent spike in crimes within the parish and in the neighbouring parishes, including those over the border in Peterborough/Huntingdonshire. During the meeting, the chairman raised the point to which the Chief Constable responded that patrols are increased, the Beat Bus has been deployed to the area, the covert ANPR system ensures any vehicle of note is picked up instantly it enters the county and cross border communications are active. Nighttime patrols are in operation, although will not necessarily be visible.

b) History group – The history group has passed the website to the parish council.

c) Preschool grant: There has been a slight change of plan for the outside area at the preschool whereby the immediate action is to infill the sand pits and lay grassmatting. It was agreed that the necessary funding of £3450 will be released as the work is carried out.

**22/2007. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

d) It was **RESOLVED** to approve reduced cost business prime - £40, offering free delivery.

e) The conclusion of National pay award salary settlement was noted

f) It was **RESOLVED** to approve a one SCP salary increase on 1st April

g) It was **RESOLVED** to note and approve the following accounts for payment:

<b>Goods/Service</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>GrossPower</b>	
Licence for SID scheme	West Northants (Highways)		321.00	HA <sup>i</sup> S274A
Neighbourhood plan	Yourlocale	1,500.00	1,800.00	Localism T&C PA 61F(1),(2) <sup>ii</sup>
Meeting room hire	Nass Vill hall		229.50	LGA <sup>iii</sup> 111
50% toilet hire deposit	Latta hire	162.10	194.52	LGA <sup>iii</sup> 145
2021 election	North Northamptonshire Council		53.33	LGA <sup>iii</sup> 111
Transfer to prepaid credit card	(jubilee)		500.00	
Amazon	jubilee sundries	133.97	197.8	LGA <sup>iii</sup> 145
Salary	Sarah Rodger		590.52	LGA <sup>iii</sup> 112
Backdated sal – minute2007e	Sarah Rodger		106.34	LGA <sup>iii</sup> 112
Pension	Nest		106.11	Pensions Act 2008)
Land registry enquiries	Land registry (already paid by card)		178.99	Localism T&C PA 61F(1),(2) <sup>iv</sup>

**22/2008. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES OR REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCE / REPRESENTATIONS OF NOTE:**

- An invitation for councillors to attend the opening of Fenn Close on 7<sup>th</sup> April had been circulated. The chairman has been asked to speak, but will not be available due to business commitments.
- The clerk had met with representatives of Neighbourhood Wath (NW) and the village now has an active NW scheme which will be raised at the annual parish meeting as well as via the usual communication channels.

**22/2009. NEWSLETTER / SOCIAL MEDIA / COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS.**

- Neighbourhood watch,
- Jubilee party
- Wildlife area at the allotments

**22/2010. MATTERS TO CARRY FORWARD:**

Jubilee beacon lighting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June in the evening

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022**

**Approved by Nassington Parish Council:**

<b>Signature of Chairman</b>		<b>Date:</b>
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<sup>i</sup> HA- Highways Act 1980

<sup>ii</sup> T&CPA Town & Country Planning Act 1990

<sup>iii</sup> LGA – Local Government Act 1972

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